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CALLS FOR BETTER QUALITY OF PARTY LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

Party elections and annual reports now in progress will have a long-range effect on the development of party organization. The quality of these meetings is very important.

The quality of leadership election meetings has improved since last year: reports are more faithful in reflecting principle problems of party work, more emphasis is given to production problems, resolutions are more inspiring, debate is livelier, and party leaders are chosen with more care. Leadership elections, however, especially in rural areas, are not adequate to the mounting tasks.

Leadership election meetings need better preparation. The political work of party organs, basic units, and activists must be improved.

An October resolution of the central leadership directed upper organizational levels to extend assistance to basic party units in preparing reports and elections. Despite the directive, however, basic units do not always get timely aid. Some district party committees do not announce the election dates in time for proper preparation and debate of annual reports.

Since these reports are the bases on which the meetings are conducted, sufficient time and an especially great amount of aid must be given.

Party-line objective criticism seeks to remove faults and omissions, without lapsing into an airing of personal difficulties, as sometimes occurs at election meetings. It is a fault, however, if self-criticism is lacking in leadership reports. Some rural party secretaries even reprimand those who submit criticism, or receive it in silence. Such practice inhibits further criticism, hinders full activation of members, and is detrimental to the political aims of the meeting.

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